storage and distribution centres where large quantities can be stored and supplied to distribution centres for fresh sale and to processing industries for processing.

To promote food processing sector, the Government has also been providing various fiscal and tax incentives. Rationalisation of tax structure is an ongoing process and during the current year's budget various tax incentives have been given to the processed food industry which include - raising of exemption limit of excise duty for Small Scale Industry (SSI) from Rs.1 crore to Rs. 1.5 crores. Excise duty on biscuits whose retail price does not exceed Rs. 100 per Kg. has been reduced from 8% to 0%. Excise duty has been reduced from 8% to 0% on all kinds of food mixes including instant mixes, and on reefer vans (refrigerated motor vehicles) from 16% to 8%.Soya bari (food supplements) and ready to eat packaged foods have been fully exempted from excise duty; Custom duty on reefer vans has been exempted, on food processing machinery has been reduced from 7.5% to 5%, on sunflower oil (crude) from 65% to 50% and on sunflower oil (refined) from 75% to 60%. Special additional duty of 4% has been waived in the case of refined edible oil. Services provided by Technology Business Incubators have been exempted from service tax and similarly their Incubatees, whose annual business turnover does not exceed Rs. 50 lakhs have been exempted from service tax for the first three years. The RBI has recently revised upwards the eligibility of food processing units for priority sector bank lending with an investment in plant and machinery upto Rs. 10 crores as against Rs 5 crores earlier.

Adoption of vision document 2015 for food processing sector

4128. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Vision 2015', adopted by Government for the food processing sector, envisages India's potential to achieve 3 per cent share in world trade of agricultural and food products;

(b) if so, the efforts been made by Government to enhance productivity in different States particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh;

(c) the share of Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh separately in total productivity;

(d) how much money has been invested in these States on R&D relating to food processing technology and what is the result thereof; and

(e) the incentives provided to mango growers in the States so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY (a) A Vision Document 2015 on Food Processing Industries finalized by this Ministry envisages incerase in share of the processed food sector in global food trade from 1.5% to 3% by 2015.

(b) and (c) This Ministry, under its various Tenth Plan Schemes has extended financial assistance to Government organizations, PSUs R&D institutes, Universities, NHOs etc. for growth and promotion of various processed food sectors including fruits and vegetables for domestic and export markets. Such assistance is provided to all States/UTs including Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

The level of financial assistance and funding pattern in respect of relevant Tenth Plan schemes are given in Statement I (*See* below).

Financial assistance to the processed food exporters is also being provided by APEDA under it various schemes as under:—

1. Infrastructure Development.

2. Market Development.

3. Quality Development.

4. Research Development.

5. Market Development Assistance.

6. Transport Assistance.

(d) During last three years, this Ministry has provided Rs. 2.34 cores as financial assistance for setting up/upgradation of laboratories under its R&D Scheme to the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(e) The various measures taken by APEDA for promotion of exports of mangoes are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Level of financial assistance and funding pattern in respect of relevant Tenth Plan Schemes

Sl. No.	Name of relevant schemes operated by Ministry of Food Processing Industries During Tenth Plan Period	Level of financial assistance & funding pattern (grant)
1	Technology Upgradation/Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries	25% of the plant & machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,00 lakhs In general areas and 33.33% up to Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas.
2	Infrastructure Development	
	• Food Park	• 25% of the project cost in general areas and 33.33% in difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 4.00 crores
3	Quality Assurance, Codex Standards and R&D	
	• Setting up/Upgradation of Quality Control Laboratory	• Assistance would be limited to the entire cost of capital equipment for Central/State Govt. Organizations, IITs & Universities and for all other Implementing Agencies, 33% of the cost of capital equipment for general areas and 50% for difficult areas.
	• Research & Development (*R&D) in Processed food sector	• 100% of capital cost for Central/ State Organizations, IITs & Universities and for all other Implementing Agencies, 33% of the cost of capital equipment of general areas and 50% of the capital cost for difficult areas.

Statement-II

Measures taken by APEDA for promoting exports of mangoes

1. Setting up of Pack house facilities in major growing areas.
2. Setting up of Centre for perishable cargo at airports.
3. Attaining Market access for Indian Mangoes in case of China, Japan and USA.
4. Market Promotion Campaigns: APEDA has organized market promotion programmes for mangoes in countries Europe, Middle east, China, Singapore and Malaysia
   - ➢ Market Access: Efforts for opening up of markets for export of mangoes in the following countries
     - Australia/New Zealand
5. APEDA through State Govt. & Central Govt. agencies is implementing the concept of Agri Export Zone (AEZ) for various agricultural products including mangoes for qualitative production for exports through:
   - ❖ Produce Identification
   - ❖ Selection of location
   - ❖ Strengthening of infrastructure and logistics
   - ❖ Strengthening of Processing
   - ❖ Strengthening of Infrastructure
   - ❖ Market Development & Promotion
   - ❖ Strengthening of Private, Central/State Government agencies for exports of selected products
6. Participation in important trade fairs to promote exports.
7. Organization of Buyer Seller Meet
8. Publicity and Information dissemination
9. APEDA is providing assistance through its financial assistance schemes to the exporters. The schemes are:
   - ❖ Scheme for Infrastructure Development

- ❖ Scheme for Market Development
- ❖ Scheme for Quality Development
- ❖ Scheme for Research and Development
- ❖ Scheme for transport assistance.

Survey on quantity of fruits

4129. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to establish the total quantity of fruits available for food processing industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a huge quantity of fruits is wasted every year due to non-existence of proper storage facility of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) The Production of fruits in the country (2004-05) was 492.94 lakhs tonnes, State-wise annual data for horticulture produce is maintained by National Horticulture Board under Ministry of Agriculture. Though, no specific survey to establish the quantity of fruits available for food processing industries has been conducted, the level of processing is estimated at 2.2% for fruits & vegetables. According to the Vision 2015 report prepared by Rabo India Finance Pvt. Ltd. wastage of Agricultural food items (including fruits) is estimated to be about Rs. 58,000 crore annually, occurring at various stages of handling after harvesting due to lack of adequate post-harvest infrastructure, lack of cold chain facilities, transportation, proper storage facilities etc. Wastage of fruits and vegetables is estimated to be of the order of 22% due to such inadequate facilities.

The Government, through its schemes for financial assistance and other promotional measures, facilitates creation of food related infrastructure aimed at reducing wastage, enhancing value addition and increasing shelf life. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, through its plan schemes during Tenth Plan, has been promoting development of infrastructure for